GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
POWER
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:327
ANSWERED ON:17.04.2000
SHARE OF RAJASTHAN AND HARYANA IN POWER PROJECTS OF PANJAB
GIRDHARI LAL BHARGAV;VSM (RETD.) COL. CHOUDHARY

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the claims of Rajasthan and Haryana relating to sharing of power generation in power projects in Punjab has been mutually agreed upon by Rajasthan, Haryana and Punjab Governments;

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Union Government to resolve the issue in consultation with the concerned State Governments?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER
(SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA)

(a) to (c) : A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.
STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF STARRED QUESTION NO.327 TO BE ANSWERED IN THE LOK SABHA ON 17.4.2000 REGARDING SHARE OF RAJASTHAN AND HARYANA IN POWER PROJECTS OF PUNJAB.

(a) to (c) : To settle the issue of the claims of Haryana and Rajasthan for a share of power generated in the Anandpur Sahib Hydel Project, Mukerian Hydel Project, Thein dam Project, Upper Bari Doab Canal (UBDC) Stage-II and Shahpur Kandi Hydel Scheme, an agreement was drawn up on 10.5.1984 amongst Punjab, Haryana, Rajasthan and Central Government for making a reference to the Supreme Court, on the question of entitlement of Haryana and Rajasthan in these projects and in case there being such an entitlement to determine the share of each State.

In order to arrive at an amicable settlement the Ministry of Water Resources had convened several meetings with the concerned states. However, no consensus could be reached.

Thereafter, the subject was also discussed in the meetings of Northern Zonal Council held in October, 1997 and February, 1999. In the meeting held on 28.2.1999, it was resolved that separate conference of the Chief Ministers and concerned Ministers of the States of the Northern Zone would be convened to undertake indepth study of all the relevant issues and factors relating to sharing of water and power and evolve consensus on mutually agreeable parameters.

A meeting of Chief Ministers/Minister of States in the Northern Region was scheduled in April, 1999. However, the meeting could not be held due to Tricentenary celebrations in Punjab and subsequent announcement of General Elections. It is now proposed to convene this meeting. Thereafter, further steps will be taken in accordance with the decision taken in the meeting.